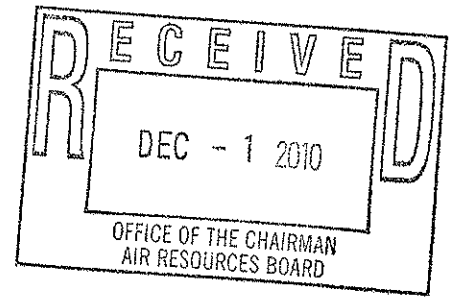


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Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Board Members,

Please do not adopt clearcutting as a carbon offset for the Cap and Trade Program. Add provisions to prevent this from happening.

It sounds as if we have fallen down the rabbit hole, or someone has been smoking too much pot.

Clearcutting destroys the forest and converts diverse habitat into a tree plantation. Logging adds to sedimentation in streams and rivers and is a major source of degradation of fish habitat. Clearcutting is the worst kind of logging.

Trees provide oxygen for us to breath. Does the carbon offset you are considering take that into consideration?

Herbicides are usually applied after clearcuts. Does the carbon offset you are considering take that into consideration?

Slash is often burned after a clearcut. Does the carbon offset you are considering take that into consideration?

The fungi which knit a forest together are often destroyed during a clearcut. Does the carbon offset you are considering take that into consideration?

Do not make California's Cap and Trade Program a subject for Saturday Night Live. Including clearcutting as a carbon reduction offset would jeopardize the legitimacy of the entire Climate Change Program.

Please include a provision that would prevent conversion of natural forests into even-aged plantations.

Sincerely,

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